

# Benchmarking College and Career Readiness!

Hobart Middle School and Hobart High School students are now taking college and career readiness tests so that they know exactly where they stand and what they need to do in order to be READY! The tests are described below.

**EXPLORE**

**6th-8th Grade**

- English, math, reading, science
- Career and course planning components
- College Readiness Benchmarks

Score scale: 1 - 25 Fall

**PLAN**

**9th-10th Grade**

- English, math, reading, science
- Career and course planning components
- College Readiness Benchmarks
- AP® Prediction

Score scale: 1 - 32 Fall

**The ACT**

**11th Grade**

- English, math, reading, science, *optional* Writing Test
- Career and educational components
- College Readiness Benchmarks

Score scale: 1 - 36 Spring

**WorkKeys** • The National Career Readiness Certificate program is composed of three WorkKeys assessments: Applied Mathematics, Locating Information, Reading for Information

**12th Grade** • Foundational Skills Assessments: Applied Technology, Business Writing, Listening, Teamwork, Workplace Observation, Writing Fall

**Why are these tests important?**

- Let's parents and students know if the student is on track for college with an indication of below, at, or above the college benchmark
- Shows subjects and specific skills in which students need to improve
- Helps students match careers with interests
- Helps students see which subjects are most important for certain careers
- Helps students choose high school courses that will get them ready for college

**Talk With Students! Ask Them: Are You Ready? Learn how to use the results.**

**Parent /Guardian Result Night**

HMS-Dec. 5th @ 6:00 pm Enter Door #5      HHS-Dec. 6th @ 6:00 pm Enter Door #1

**College Readiness**

Students scoring at or above these EXPLORE benchmark scores, and taking college prep courses throughout high school, will likely be ready for first-year college courses. How do your scores compare?

EXPLORE Benchmark Scores	Your score is:		
	Below	At	Above
English 13	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mathematics 17	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reading 15	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Science 20	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**About Your Scores.** One or more of your EXPLORE scores fall below the benchmark scores that show readiness for college-level work. Suggestions for improving your skills are listed on the back of this report. Also, talk to your counselor or teacher about courses that can improve your skills. It's not too early to start thinking about college.

**Student Resources Online!**

- [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)
- [www.planstudent.org](http://www.planstudent.org)
- [www.explorestudent.org](http://www.explorestudent.org)
- [www.act.org/mobileapps/actstudents](http://www.act.org/mobileapps/actstudents)

- Testing Tips
- Sample Questions with Explanatory Answers
- ACT Question of the Day
- Map of College Majors
- Interactive World-of-Work Map
- Financial Aid and Scholarship Information
- SmartPhone App

**Your Skills** More Info at [www.planstudent.org](http://www.planstudent.org)

Review Your Answers — “+” = correct answer, “o” = no response. Ask for your test booklet so you can see the questions.

Suggestions for improving your skills are based on your scores.

SUBSCORE AREA (u = Usage; r = Rhetorical Skills)	Content Areas		
	Topic Development	Organization	Word Choice
1 A + u	18 D + r	35 A + r	
2 C + u	19 D C u	36 B C r	
3 A + u	20 A + u	37 D o u	
4 D + r	21 C + r	38 D o u	
5 B + r	22 C B r	39 A + r	
6 B A r	23 A + r	40 B + r	
7 D + u	24 B + u	41 C B r	
8 A + u	25 B + u	42 C + r	
9 C + r	26 A D r	43 C + u	
10 B A u	27 C + r	44 A + u	
11 A + u	28 D + r	45 D B r	
12 D C r	29 B + u	46 B C r	
13 D + r	30 D + r	47 A + r	
14 B o r	31 A + u	48 A + r	
15 A + r	32 C + u	49 B + r	
16 B A r	33 C + u	50 B A r	
17 C + u	34 C B r		

• You correctly answered 34 out of 50 questions.  
 • You omitted 3 questions.  
 • You incorrectly answered 13 questions.

**To improve your skills you can:**

- Topic Development:** challenge yourself by reading new kinds of books; experiment with new writing styles; rewrite a paper, sharpening its focus by cutting sentences not directly related to the topic; add examples to illustrate or support major points
- Organization:** use transitions (like *similarly* or *to repeat*) to compare or emphasize ideas; have a classmate read your paper to see if sentences need to be reordered for clarity; try different openings and closings for a paper; say which works best and why
- Word Choice:** make sure repetition in a paper is purposeful (to provide emphasis, unity, etc.); verify that each pronoun clearly refers to a noun or noun phrase; reread writing to make sure the words convey the same tone or vary in tone for a good reason
- Sentence Structure:** learn the difference between uses of coordinating conjunctions (like *and* or *but*) and subordinating conjunctions (like *after* or *though*); make sure pronoun person is consistent in a sentence; for instance, avoid shifts from one (“When one sees . . .”) to you (“ . . . you are impressed.”)
- Usage:** check possessive pronouns (like *her* or *his*) to make sure they are used correctly; use the word *have* (not *of*) following verbs like *could*, *would*, and *should*; use commas, dashes, or parentheses to set off nonessential information in a sentence
- Punctuation:** delete unneeded commas in compound constructions, as in “Flags waved[,] and rustled.”; check to make sure semicolons are not used between a dependent and independent clause in a sentence (for example, “He ran all the way to school[,] because he was late.”)

**Career Area List**

<p><b>A. Employment-Related Services</b> Human Resources Manager; Recruiter; Interviewer</p> <p><b>B. Marketing &amp; Sales</b> Agents (Insurance, Real Estate, etc.); Retail Salesworker</p> <p><b>C. Management</b> Executive; Office Manager; Hotel/Motel Manager</p> <p><b>D. Regulation &amp; Protection</b> Food Inspector; Police Officer; Detective</p> <p><b>E. Communications &amp; Records</b> Secretary; Court Reporter; Office Clerk</p> <p><b>F. Financial Transactions</b> Accountant; Bank Teller; Budget Analyst</p> <p><b>G. Distribution &amp; Dispatching</b> Warehouse Supervisor; Air Traffic Controller</p> <p><b>H. Transport Operation &amp; Related</b> Truck/Bus/Cab Driver; Ship Captain; Pilot</p> <p><b>I. Agriculture, Forestry &amp; Related</b> Farmer; Nursery Manager; Forester</p> <p><b>J. Computer &amp; Information Specialties</b> Programmer; Systems Analyst; Desktop Publisher; Actuary</p> <p><b>K. Construction &amp; Maintenance</b> Carpenter; Electrician; Bricklayer</p> <p><b>L. Crafts &amp; Related</b> Cabinetmaker; Tailor; Chef/Cook; Jeweler</p> <p><b>M. Manufacturing &amp; Processing</b> Tool &amp; Die Maker; Machinist; Welder; Dry Cleaner</p> <p><b>N. Mechanical &amp; Electrical Specialties</b> Auto Mechanic; Aircraft Mechanic; Office Machine Repairer</p>	<p><b>O. Engineering &amp; Technologies</b> Engineers (Civil, etc.); Technicians (Laser, etc.); Architect</p> <p><b>P. Natural Science &amp; Technologies</b> Physicist; Biologist; Chemist; Statistician</p> <p><b>Q. Medical Technologies (also see Area W)</b> Pharmacist; Optician; Dietitian; Technologists (Surgical, etc.)</p> <p><b>R. Medical Diagnosis &amp; Treatment (also see Area W)</b> Physician; Pathologist; Dentist; Veterinarian; Nurse Anesthetist</p> <p><b>S. Social Science</b> Sociologist; Political Scientist; Economist; Urban Planner</p> <p><b>T. Applied Arts (Visual)</b> Artist; Illustrator; Photographer; Interior Designer</p> <p><b>U. Creative &amp; Performing Arts</b> Writer; Musician; Singer; Dancer; TV/Movie Director</p> <p><b>V. Applied Arts (Written &amp; Spoken)</b> Reporter; Columnist; Editor; Librarian</p> <p><b>W. Health Care (also see Areas Q and R)</b> Recreational Therapist; Dental Assistant; Licensed Practical Nurse</p> <p><b>X. Education</b> Administrator; Athletic Coach; Teacher</p> <p><b>Y. Community Services</b> Social Worker; Lawyer; Paralegal; Counselor; Clergy</p> <p><b>Z. Personal Services</b> Waiter/Waitress; Barber; Cosmetologist; Travel Guide</p>
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